

**MIAMI-DADE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE  
(to the Year 2030)**

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 1**

**Wednesday, May 28, 2003  
2:00 P.M.  
Conference Room 12-1**

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

- I. Introduction of Members
- II. Overview of Consultant Team
- III. Overview of Plan Development Process and Schedule
- IV. Discussion on Steering Committee Working Groups and  
Agency Review Protocol
- V. Upcoming Meetings
- VI. Other
- VII. Adjournment

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**Stephen P. Clark Government Center  
111 N. W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33128**

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**Members Present**

**Ossama Al-Aschkar (by Phone), Broward MPO  
Frank Baron, MPO  
Chuck Blowers, DP&Z  
Bob Cincotta, PWD  
Jeff Cohen, PWD  
Mayra Diaz, OPTM (Alternate)  
Wilson Fernandez, MPO  
David Fialkoff, MDT  
Mario Garcia, OPTM  
David Henderson, MPO  
Marie Jarman, Tri-Rail  
Karen McGuire, (after meeting), FDOT (Alternate)  
Christina Miskis, SFRPC  
Delfin Molins, DPW  
Michael Moore, Chair, MPO  
Carlos Roa, MPO  
Jesus Sanchez, MDX  
Clark Turner, City of Miami  
Mark Woerner, DP&Z**

**Others Present**

**Maria Batista, OPTM  
Alice Bravo, Consultant Team  
Jose Mesa, Director, MPO  
Mary Ross, Consultant Team  
Myung Sung, Consultant Team**

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Meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM.

**I. Introduction of Members**

Mike Moore, Project Manager, opened the meeting and members of the Steering Committee introduced themselves.

**II. Overview of the Consultant Team**

Mary Ross, Gannett Fleming, presented an overview of the Consultant Team. (PowerPoint handout was distributed.) Gannett Fleming, the prime consultant, will provide the lead on all tasks and will be assisted by the subconsultants as follows:

PACO Group, Inc. – Will provide assistance with Data Compilation and Review and with Cost Estimation.

Media Relations Group – Will provide assistance with Public Involvement.

Public Financial Management, Inc. – Will provide assistance with Financial Resources.

**III. Overview of the Plan Development Process and Schedule**

Mary Ross presented an overview of the Long Range Transportation Plan development process including formulation of the Needs Plan, alternatives, Cost Affordable Plan, agency coordination, and post-LRTP adoption support. The project schedule based on adopting the next LRTP by December 2004 was presented and discussed. An additional Air Quality brochure will be produced in June 2004.

Jose Mesa, MPO Director, thanked everyone for being part of this process. He stated that this LRTP Update would be a tremendous challenge due to all that is going on including the reauthorization of TEA-21 and the new sales tax. He relayed several factors, citing a report on “new directions” from SAFTEA published by the Brookings Institute, that should be considered during the LRTP Update including:

- Congestion relief
- Air Quality
- Infrastructure maintenance
- Growing spatial mismatch between jobs and workers
- “Sticker shock” of urban sprawl
- Accounting for other planning efforts
- Transportation security
- Safety
- Operations and Maintenance
- Intermodal connectivity

Mr. Mesa mentioned that the role of the municipalities in the People’s Transportation Plan is significant and that the Steering Committee should take heed. (The top 2 cities will get 53% of the 20% municipal share of the tax proceeds.)

Mr. Mesa also discussed the newspaper insert “*Transportation for a New Century*,” published annually by the MPO that will be in the Miami Herald this weekend (June 1). Copies were provided.

#### IV. Discussion on Steering Committee Working Groups and Agency Review Protocol

Mike Moore stated that it would best to have the same working subcommittees that were established during the last LRTP update. There are various disciplines of work involved in getting the LRTP developed. Some of the members have talents or affinities for specific areas and would serve on those subcommittees.

Frank Baron agreed to chair the Goals and Objectives Subcommittee. He would like to have the same representation as last time. Mr. Baron will coordinate the members based on the desired representation. In particular, members from FDOT, Public Works, Transit, Planning & Zoning and CTAC will be urged to participate. He also stated that a representative from the new FTAC will be invited.

Carlos Roa discussed the Air Quality Conformity schedule and mentioned this may be the last time for air quality conformity requirements. He mentioned the downside; if the conformity requirements are lifted for this Airshed, the funding will be discontinued. Mr. Roa reminded the Committee and Consultant Team that, while we are still under the requirements, the 30-day notice period should still be observed. New standards may be coming on-line (i.e., particulate matter 2.5). Mr. Roa also mentioned that the agencies he will be looking to participate include DERM, FDOT, OPTM, MDT and Public Works. More AQ activities will be taking place closer to July. Mr. Roa will coordinate air quality conformity determination activities, and will chair an Air Quality Subcommittee, if one is necessary.

Wilson Fernandez agreed to chair the Modeling Subcommittee, formerly known as the Network Subcommittee. Mr. Fernandez will coordinate with the members. This subcommittee will be involved with the modeling including network development and review. Future year networks and model results will also be handled through this Subcommittee.

David Henderson agreed to lead activities related to the Non-motorized Projects. He stated that it would be preferable to maintain the 1.5 percent funding set-aside for non-motorized projects. During this update, Mr. Henderson will work with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to get better cost estimates and list of viable projects for Greenway projects.

Mr. Moore outlined the agency review protocol for the Steering Committee. He mentioned that the Subcommittees helped to “divide and conquer” the technical work. He also stated that:

- Email will be used as much as possible
- All agency comments on committee work should be made in writing
- Requests to agencies for docs and data should be responded to promptly so as to preserve the project schedule

Mr. Moore concluded by stating that the Steering Committee meetings and work are conducted in an informal but orderly manner. Meetings will be scheduled only as often as needed.

#### V. Upcoming Meetings

Steering Committee Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month at 2:00 P.M. The 2003 June and July meetings may be combined due to summer schedules. Committee members should inform Mike Moore of any scheduling conflicts.

#### VI. Other

Ossama Al-Aschkar mentioned that the Broward County MPO has been discussing the issue of their Plan horizon; 2025 versus 2030. That issue will be discussed at the Broward MPO Board meeting of June 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Al-Aschkar also mentioned that the issue of possible implementation of the new travel demand model software (TransCAD) is also being discussed at the staff level.

#### VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.